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Serial No.: 09/636,259 : Group Art Unit: 1634  
Filed: August 10, 2000 : Examiner: Diana Johannsen  
For: **ALPHA-2A-ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR POLYMORPHISMS**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated December 17, 2002, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 between claims 1-3 and 62-65 drawn to polynucleotides, vectors, and host cells; claims 4-5 drawn to polypeptides; claims 6-38 and 44-45 drawn to primers, probes, and methods of genotyping; claims 39-43 drawn to methods of diagnosing a disease; claims 46-53 drawn to methods of predicting response to an agonist or antagonist; claims 54-61 drawn to methods of selecting a pharmaceutical composition; claims 66-67 drawn to transgenic animals; and claims 68-69 drawn to antibodies.

Applicants elect the invention of claims 1-3 and 62-65 of Group I, with traverse. This election is made with traverse on the basis that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine claims 4-61 and 66-69 with claims 1-3 and 62-65. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of claims 1-69. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

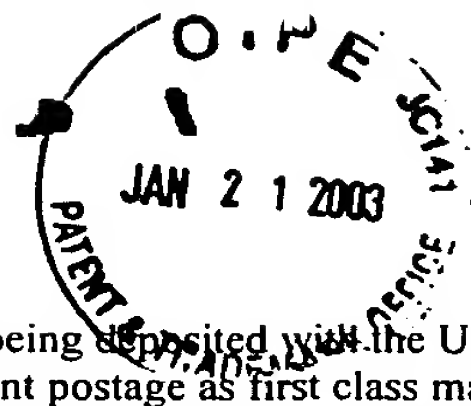
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

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